

# Superior Court Judge

## Catherine M. Easter, Third Judicial District



**STATEMENT:**

It has been a privilege and honor to serve the people of Alaska as a Superior and District Court Judge. I strive to treat all litigants equally, and to conduct myself with integrity, humility and diligence. I try to follow the law and to be fair and compassionate to all who appear before me.

I believe our courts should be accessible to all people, including those who represent themselves. I try to treat everyone who comes to court with patience and respect, to listen carefully to all views and to be impartial to all who appear before the court.

I hope to continue to serve the people of Alaska. If retained, I will continue to serve to the utmost of my ability.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 825 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**AGE:** 64

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Pasadena, CA

**SPOUSE’S NAME:** Craig Howard

**CHILDREN’S NAMES:** Riley and Clare

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 37 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Anchorage 1985-Present

**EDUCATION:**  
Sacred Heart Forest Ridge 1972-1976  
Seattle University 1976-1980, BA French  
University of San Diego School of Law 1982-1985

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Superior Court Judge 2012-Present  
District Court Judge 2008-2012  
Office of Public Advocacy 2007-2008  
Alaska Public Defender Agency 1986-2007  
Law Clerk, Judge Shortell 1985-1986

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Family, Skiing, Hiking, Camping, Fishing

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

*Judge Catherine M. Easter, Anchorage Superior Court*

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Easter met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

**Other performance indicators:** The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Easter, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified her from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Easter performed well in these areas.

Judge Easter was appointed to the Anchorage Superior Court in March of 2012. Judge Easter handled both civil and criminal caseloads during her current term in office, although her current caseload is primarily criminal cases. This is her second retention evaluation as a superior court judge.

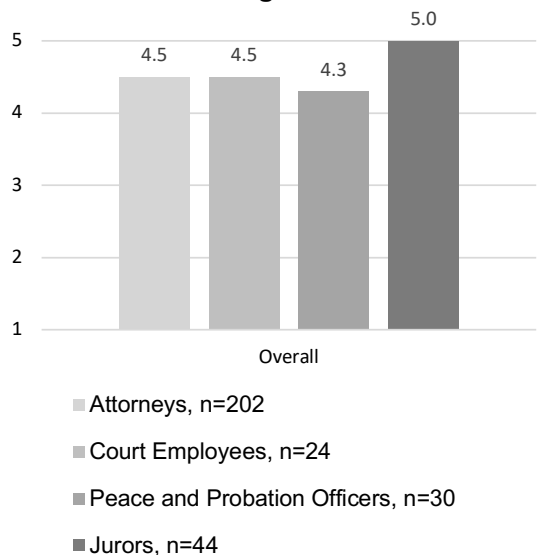
**Summary:** After conducting its review, the Alaska Judicial Council determined that Judge Easter met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Easter complied with judicial ethics standards.

The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Easter in office.

**Survey ratings:** Attorneys, peace and probation officers, and social services professionals who appeared before Judge Easter gave her excellent reviews, as did court employees. Jurors rated Judge Easter very highly. One juror commented, “Judge Easter was incredible and exceeded all expectations of impartiality, respect, and control.” Complete survey ratings are available at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Professional activities:** The Council’s review of Judge Easter’s professional activities showed significant contributions to the administration of justice and her community. Judge Easter made contributions in the areas of court administration, committee and task force work, youth activities, community outreach, and teaching. A detailed list of Judge Easter’s professional and community activities is posted at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

## Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Easter



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

\*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)